

February 26, 2002

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Ex Parté Presentation in WT Docket No. 01-184

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to inform you that Joseph Franlin, Jerry Kovach, and the undersigned, all of NeuStar, Inc., met with Commissioner Michael Copps and Paul Margie, Spectrum and International Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, to discuss issues relating to the *Verizon Wireless Petition Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160 for Partial Forbearance from the Commercial Mobile Radio Services Number Portability Obligation* in the above-referenced docket. We focused our discussion on concerns raised in the record regarding the ability and readiness of NeuStar, as the administrator of the National Portability Administration Center (NPAC) to implement wireless local number portability (WLNP) and National Thousands Block Number Pooling simultaneously.

Specifically, we described NeuStar's investments made and steps taken to ensure timely and smooth implementation of wireless number portability. We discussed current transaction volumes processed by the NPAC for wireline local number portability and identified certain of the steps taken in the successful implementation of wireline local number portability. NeuStar encouraged the Commission to consider putting in place a deployment or roll out schedule for portability, including a requirement for progress reports, so that NeuStar would be able to determine which carriers were planning to interact directly with the NPAC to implement wireless number portability. It is NeuStar's belief that an official rollout and testing schedule would help to ensure efficient implementation of the Commission's requirements.

In addition to the above-mentioned issues, we described steps taken by NeuStar to work with the industry. In particular, we provided a brief update on work undertaken by the national Pooling Administrator (PA) in support of wireless industry efforts to implement wireless number pooling. Specifically, we identified

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the native block pooling initiative. Noting that native block pooling is simply an interim mechanism, the PA expects that it can help to relieve pressure on the industry by permitting carriers to take significant preparatory steps well in advance of actual live pooling in November.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, one electronic copy of this letter is being submitted via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Mindy J. Ginsburg, do hereby certify that on this 26th day of February, 2002, copies of the foregoing *Ex Parte* Notification were served by U.S. first class mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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